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Sent: 12/31/2019 2:43:45 PM
To: Tyler, Kip [Tyler.Kip@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: ESA Section 7 Informal Consultation --Kampachi Farms, LLC - Velella Epsilon

Hi Kip - has Jenny responded to this email? I don't see anything in my Inbox.

Jess

On Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 1:27 PM Tyler, Kip <Tyler.Kip@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jenny.

I wanted to close the loop on a conversation Meghan initiated with you regarding the ESA consultation for Kampachi Farms.

In the NMFS consultation concurrence letter dated 09/30/19, the NMFS stated that the applicant submitted four potential locations to place the cage and multi-anchor swivel (MAS) mooring system. The NMFS concurrence letter used the four potential locations within Appendix B shown as "Notational Net Pen Placements within Modified Site B from BES report." While the applicant did submit the four potential locations shown in Appendix B, the ESA consultation was based on the larger surveyed area with that has unconsolidated sediments (shown as the "Targeted Subset Area of Modified Site B from BES Report" in Appendix B). The biological evaluation states that the proposed facility will be placed within an area the contains unconsolidated sediments (3-10 feet deep) and that will be selected based on diver-assisted assessment of the sea floor when the cage and anchoring system are deployed.

Simply stated, EPA and USACE consulted on a larger area that was documented in the NMFS concurrence letter. EPA would like confirm that the placement of the facility within the larger area does not change the ESA concurrence provided by NMFS.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break.

Kip Tyler | Environmental Engineer

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached completed Section 7 consultation for the Kampachi Farms, LLC Marine Aquaculture Facility.

Thank you,

Jennifer Lee

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